

# Zhaba language

**Zhaba**, also known as **Bazi**, **Bozi**, **Draba**, **nDrapa**, **Zaba**, **Zha** (Chinese: 扎坝语 or 扎巴语), is a Qiangic language of Sichuan, China spoken by about 8,000 people in Daofu County and Yajiang County. The Zhaba, who are officially classified by the Chinese government as ethnic Tibetan people, refer to themselves as [ndʒa ɿ pɿʋ] and to the Zhaba language as [ndʒa ɿ ʂka ɿ].<sup>[3]</sup> Neighboring Khams Tibetan speakers refer to the Zhaba people as [ndʒa ɿ pa ɿ]. Zhaba speakers live primarily in the Xianshui River 鲜水河谷 valley.<sup>[3]</sup>

Descriptions of Zhaba include Huang (1991)<sup>[4]</sup> and Gong (2007).<sup>[3]</sup> Huang & Dai (1992)<sup>[5]</sup> document the Queyu dialect spoken in Zhatuo Village 扎拖村, Zhatuo Township 扎拖乡, Daofu County, Sichuan.

## Dialects

*Ethnologue* (21st edition) lists two dialects of Zhaba:

- Drate (Northern nDrapa)
- Drame (Southern nDrapa, Zhami)

## Distribution

A total of 8,319 Zhaba people are distributed in the following townships of Zhaba District 扎坝区 of Daofu County (Upper Zha 上扎 area), and Zhamai District 扎麦区 of Yajiang County (Lower Zha 下扎 area) (Gong 2007:2-3).<sup>[3]</sup> Zhaba people from the two districts speak the same mutually intelligible language.

- Zhaba District 扎坝区, Daofu County (Upper Zha 上扎 area)
  - Yazhuo 亚卓乡 (Zhaba name: vʒa ɿ ʂtsʰu ʋ): 1,501 Zhaba people
  - Hongding 红顶乡 (Zhaba name: ŋui ʋ dɿ ɿ): 752 Zhaba people
  - Zhongni 仲尼乡 (Zhaba name: tʂyi ɿ ni ɿ): 970 Zhaba people
  - Zhatuo 扎拖乡 (Zhaba name: ndʒa ʋ gɔ ɿ): 1,114 Zhaba people
  - Xiatuo 下拖乡 (Zhaba name: ptse ɿ tʰɔ ʋ): 899 Zhaba people
- Zhamai District 扎麦区, Yajiang County (Lower Zha 下扎 area)
  - Waduo 瓦多乡 (Zhaba name: ve ɿ tɔ ɿ): 1,536 Zhaba people
  - Murong 木绒乡 (Zhaba name: mə ɿ vzu ʋ): 1,547 Zhaba people

## References

Zhaba	
[dʒa ɿ ʂka ɿ]	
Native to	China
Native speakers	7,800 (2008) <sup>[1]</sup>
Language family	<div>Sino-Tibetan <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li> Qiangic<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Zhaba–Queyu<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Zhaba</b></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></div>
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	zhb
Glottolog	zhab1238 (http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/zhab1238) <sup>[2]</sup>

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